

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Parts 161, 250, and 284

[Docket No. RM98-10-000]

Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services; Notice of Workshop on Pipeline Capacity Auctions

September 18, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Workshop on Pipeline Capacity Auctions.

SUMMARY: The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is holding a workshop to discuss pipeline capacity auctions as contemplated in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on July 29, 1998 (NOPR) (63 FR 42982, August 11, 1998). The purpose of the workshop is for staff to provide background information about auctions and auction formats and to answer questions to facilitate the submission of comments on the NOPR. The workshop will include time for questions and answers.

DATES: October 20, 1998, 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel C. Hyde, Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, 202-208-0146.

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Take notice that on October 20, 1998, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a workshop to discuss pipeline capacity auctions as contemplated in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR), issued on July 29, 1998.¹ The purpose of the workshop is for staff to provide background information about auctions and auction formats and to answer questions to facilitate the submission of comments on the NOPR. The workshop will include time for questions and answers.

The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission's offices, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. in a room to be designated. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate.

To ensure the workshop provides information responsive to parties' specific questions or to areas in which parties believe clarification would be helpful, staff asks that questions or clarifications be submitted by October 13, 1998. Responsive information will be integrated, to the extent possible, into the workshop presentations. Such questions or clarification requests can be either faxed or sent by Internet E-Mail. Faxes should be addressed to Laurel Hyde at 202-208-1010. E-Mail should be sent to comment.rm@ferc.fed.us. The subject line of the E-Mail should specify "Docket No. RM98-10-000—Auction

Workshop". Any attachments to the E-Mail should be in WordPerfect 6.1 or lower format or in ASCII format. A reply to the E-Mail will be sent to acknowledge receipt.

In addition, those who wish to participate in the question and answer period are encouraged to register in advance to reserve a place in the main workshop room. Please register by October 13, 1998, by calling Tawanna Lewis, Shirley Parker or Rita Carter at 202-208-1007 or sending a fax or E-Mail as described above.

The Capitol Connection may broadcast this workshop in the Washington, D.C. area if there is sufficient interest. For those outside the Washington, D.C. area, the Capitol Connection may broadcast the workshop live via satellite for a fee if there is sufficient interest to justify the cost. To indicate interest in either the local or national broadcast, please call Shirley Al-Jarani or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible, or e-mail to capcon@gmu.edu.

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Questions about the workshop should be directed to: Laurel C. Hyde, Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, 202-208-0146.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 595

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-4332]

RIN 2127-AG40

Exemption From the Make Inoperative Prohibition

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: NHTSA is proposing a limited exemption from a statutory provision prohibiting dealers, repair businesses

¹ Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 63 FR 42982 (Aug. 11, 1998).